

Have Been Moved Upon in All Ages to Preserve Some
 ds—Only Since Philadelphia Centennial of 1876 Has
 United States Taken Up the Science of Genealogy—
 Efforts Made in Germany in 1735—Early Tables Full
 of Fabulous Stories of Kings and Heroes—Mark Twain's
 Story to Max O'Reill—Utah's People Descended From the
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thirty-seven years ago a poose was born in a Kansas prairie, his father a soldier, his mother a full blooded Kiowa. Today that poapse is a member of the United States senate, representing the state in which he was born, the only man in the history of this country whose blood bears the strain of the North American aborigine to attain such an office. He is Senator Charles Curtis and his rise to distinction has been both remarkable and unique. Proud of his ancestry, every year he makes the pilgrimage to Oklahoma, where dwell the remnants of the once powerful Kaw tribe, and there joins in their dances and tribal festivities. His Indian blood gave Senator Curtis and his four children the privilege of government land allotment at the rate of 320 acres each, now valued at about \$50 an acre. Topeka is his home and there he and his family are surrounded by all the comforts that good taste and a moderate fortune can supply. When but a child young Curtis, thrown upon his own resources, became a jockey, and in stage in his career that he grasped an opportunity which led to his present enviable position. "Hill" Case, a picturesque character of Topeka and one of the leading lawyers, took an interest in the hack driver and offered him a job. Curtis replied that if Case would lend him books he could study law and drive a hack too. He did pass a brilliant examination for admission to the bar. His first political office was prosecuting attorney of Shawnee county and he enforced the prohibition law, which everyone considered a dead letter and which surprised everybody in Kansas. In 1892 he was sent to congress from the Topeka district and from that hour his rise has been constant and rapid. He is not alarmed at all by the series of disasters which have overtaken his predecessors in the senate and does not give serious thought to how one dropped dead, another committed suicide, another was exiled from his state to New Mexico and still another was sent to prison. His wife is an interesting, domestic woman and his children bear the unmistakable color which comes from Indian blood.